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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 141 are set out in the report of the Committee contained in document A/66/644.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 37th and 38th meetings, on 30 May and 12 June 2012. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/66/SR.37 and 38).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Addendum to the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2011 (A/66/30/Add.1);

(b) Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly concerning the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2011 (A/66/394/Add.1);

(c) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2011 (A/66/7/Add.26).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.36

4. At its 38th meeting, on 12 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "United Nations common system" (A/C.5/66/L.36), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of the Netherlands.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.36 without a vote (see para. 7).

6. The recommendation of the Fifth Committee on the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2011 and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions will be contained in the report of the Fifth Committee submitted under agenda item 134, entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013".

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 66/235 of 24 December 2011,

Having considered the addendum to the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2011,[1]

Conditions of service in the field: rest and recuperation framework

1. *Recalls* its resolution 65/248 of 24 December 2010 requesting the International Civil Service Commission to regulate the rest and recuperation framework and its resolution 66/235, in which it approved a revised set of criteria for the granting of rest and recuperation travel;

2. *Takes note* of the additional information provided on the implications of the above set of criteria;

3. *Recalls* that, in its resolution 66/235, the General Assembly approved a revised rest and recuperation framework linked to danger pay on the understanding that danger pay would apply only in extraordinary situations where staff were at high risk as a direct consequence of their employment in the United Nations common system, that the number of danger pay recipients would be substantially reduced from the number of recipients of the previous hazard pay and that the implementation of danger pay would result in reduced financial requirements system-wide;

4. *Notes with concern* that the current situation with regard to the applicability of danger pay is significantly different from that which was presented to the Assembly during its consideration of the rest and recuperation framework;

5. *Approves*, with effect from 1 July 2012, the revised set of criteria for the granting of rest and recuperation travel and the corresponding frequency of travel, as set out in the annex to the addendum to the report of the Commission;[1]

6. *Recalls* paragraphs 10, 12 and 13 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to provide the information and explanations requested in those paragraphs to the Assembly for its consideration at the main part of its sixty-seventh session;

7. *Requests* the Commission to provide, in the context of its report for 2012, an update on the estimated annual system-wide financial implications of the replacement of hazard pay with danger pay, information on the new security management framework and detailed criteria for the granting of the four-week rest and recuperation cycle.

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 30*, addendum (A/66/30/Add.1).

[2] A/66/7/Add.26.